



**Placer County IHSS  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
October 19, 2006  
1:30-3:00pm**

**Members Present:** Eula Marshall, Mary DeGraaf, Diane Lester, Ruth Lindsley, Margaret Maldaner and Katie Snoberger

**Members Absent:** Michael Fletcher, Deborah Dahl and Karen Boal

**Placer County Staff Present:** Eldon Luce, Cate Lynds, and Cecilia Elliott

**Public Present:** Tim Cooper, PIRS representative

Chairperson Katie Snoberger called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Roll Call And Introductions:** Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

**Excused Absences**

**Eldon** informed the members that Deborah Dahl had requested a leave of absence until January 2007.

A ***Motion*** was made by Ruth Lindsley and ***seconded*** by Margaret Maldaner to approve leave of absence for Deborah Dahl until January 2007. ***Motion approved.***

No motion was made to excuse Karen Boal. This absence will be considered unexcused.

Michael Fletcher is on a previously approved leave of absence. This absence will be considered excused.

## **Members Reports/Announcements/Questions**

- **Eldon** will get a revised Member Roster to the members at the next meeting; and, he distributed:
  - Consumer and Provider Manuals, and a booklet on medical equipment assistive devices and supplies provided to public authorities and counties through a state grant; Real Choices Grant.
  - Information from the League of Women Voters and an Easy Voter Guide produced by our local Registrar of Voters.
  - California at a Crossroads, Building an Aging Agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century from the Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care.
- **Eldon** expressed the need for a Consumer Manual; he will ask staff if they have time to develop a Consumer Manual. Tim Cooper also expressed interest in the development of a Consumer Manual.
- **Margaret** volunteered to seek a publisher to contribute the costs of providing the Real Choices Grant Consumer and Provider Manuals. It was suggested that she might contact the Auburn Journal to donate publishing; and that she contact Liz Daniels or Gloria Beverage of the Folsom Tribune.
- **Katie** mentioned that there are 2 consumer positions and 1 provider position available on the Advisory Committee.

## **Public Comment**

- **Katie** asked Tim if he was interested in becoming Advisory Committee member. **Tim** replied he was interested and asked for an application. Eldon agreed to get Tim an application.

**9-21-06 Meeting Summary Approved:** A ***Motion*** was made by Ruth Lindsley and ***seconded*** by Eula Marshall to approve the 9-21-06 Meeting Summary as written. ***Motion approved.***

**Advisory Committee Recommendations to IHSS Supervisor:** Eldon explained that this was the opportunity for members to raise issues and questions directly with the IHSS Supervisor.

- There were no issues/questions or recommendations offered. Katie suggested that (in the future) members might want to write down their questions, etc. prior to the meetings.

### **California IHSS Consumer Alliance (CICA) Update**

- **Katie** described her conversation with members of CICA leadership and reviewed the minutes from the last CICA conference call. **Eldon** distributed a survey developed by CICA. The members completed the survey and asked Eldon to forward it to CICA.
- The members discussed a need to know more about CICA and the benefits of our Advisory Committee becoming a CICA member.

A **Motion** was made by Margaret Maldaner and **seconded** by Ruth Lindsley to invite a CICA representative(s) to the February 15, 2007 meeting to describe CICA and to answer questions. **Motion approved.**

- **Eldon** was asked to extend this invitation to CICA. **Cate** asked how many counties in California belong to CICA? **Katie** responded that 11 counties were members.

### **Report: IHSS Legislation:**

- **Eldon** distributed and discussed the following handout regarding IHSS bills vetoed by the Governor:

**Governor Vetoes IHSS Bills:** SACRAMENTO - Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed the six remaining bills that impacted In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), today (Friday, September 29) saying that "they just don't make sense fiscally".

### **The Governor vetoed:**

- **AB 2469** by Assembly-member Noreen Evans (D-Santa Rosa): IHSS and personal care option services: funding.
- **AB 2486** by Assembly-member Mark Ridley-Thomas (D-Leimert Park): IHSS Background Checks.

- **AB 2494** by Assembly-member Mark Ridley-Thomas (D-Leimert Park): IHSS: provider training.
- **AB 3048** by Assembly-member Mervyn Dymally (D-Compton): IHSS: assistance during health-related and alternative site appointments.
- **SB 1435** by Senator Deborah V. Ortiz (D-Sacramento) - IHSS pilot project: eligibility: purchase of service.
- **SB 1660** by Senator Gloria Romero (D-Los Angeles): IHSS: provider wage and benefit increases.

### **PA Managers Report**

- **Provider Benefits:** Currently there is an approximate three months wait-time on the waiting list for benefits. There are currently 82 providers on the waiting list.
- **General Report: Union Negotiations:** The Public Authority is currently in negotiations with United Domestic Workers, the union representing Placer County IHSS Providers. Negotiations are going well. The current contract expires at the end of December.
- **Provider Recruitment:** The registry continues to recruit providers. The members were asked for any suggestions regarding recruitment. Eldon informed the group that Registry Specialists, Lin and Debbie participated in a Job Fair at the Fair Grounds.
- **Advisory Committee Member Recruitment:** We continue to recruit for members. Eldon reminded everyone that there are still two openings for consumers on the committee and potentially one for a provider, depending on if Karen stays on the committee. All members should be actively trying to recruit members. The members were asked for any suggestions regarding recruitment. Katie asked for an application; Eldon will get an application to her.
- **Newsletter:** Eldon passed around a copy of the newsletter; the newsletter will be mailed soon.

- **September Registry Report:** Eldon distributed and discussed the report.
- **Brown Act:** In response to a member question, Eldon informed the group that the 'Brown Act' is an open meeting law requiring that the public receive notice of our meetings, that all materials are available for any member of the public that may attend a meeting(s), and that there's an opportunity for members of the public to make comments during meetings.
- **November Meeting:** Eldon informed the members that he had a conflict with the next meeting date, November 16, 2006.

A **Motion** was made by Margaret Maldaner and **seconded** by Eula Marshall to change the date of the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to November 30<sup>th</sup>. **Motion approved.**

**Cecilia** was asked to reserve a meeting room for the November 30<sup>th</sup> meeting; and, **Eldon** was asked to send copies of future Registry Report to Tink Miller, PIRS Executive Director.

**The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM**

**The next Advisory Committee Meeting**

**November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
The Domes, Conference Room A, Fulweiler**